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SUBJ: CEEUS/CYPRUS STUDENT ERKAN RIFAT

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FOLLOWING REPLIES KEYED TO REFTEL BASED ON INTERVIEWS WITH ERKAN RIFAT'S FATHER, MOTHER AND TWO BROTHERS:

1. BOTH MOTHER AND FATHER DENY ANY HISTORY OF PHYSICAL OR MENTAL ILLNESS. FATHER SAYS, HOWEVER, HE IS NERVOUS AND WAS MORE NERVOUS AT YOUNGER AGE. ALL CHILDREN -- 5 BOYS -- HAVE GOT A VERY "SENSITIVE" CHARACTER; HOWEVER THEY ARE VERY HEALTHY.

2. NOTHING THAT COULD BE DESCRIBED AS CONVULSIONS OR EPILEPSY ON EITHER SIDE.

3. NO.

4. ERKAN IS THE YOUNGEST. HIS ELDEST BROTHER SUFFERED A STATE OF NERVOUSNESS FOR A SHORTPERIOD WHEN DIVORCED FROM NORWEGIAN WIFE IN 1973. ERKAN'S SECOND ELDEST BROTHER WAS ERRONEOUSLY REPORTED DEAD DURING THE FIRST 8 DAYS OF THE WAR IN 1974 AND DURING ALL THE PERIOD OF ACTIVE WAR ERKAN IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN WORRIED, CONCERNED AND NERVOUS.

5. RAISED BY NATURAL PARENTS.

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6. ERKAN WAS 18 WHEN THE WAR BROKE OUT. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT TAKE PART IN ACTIVE FIGHTING AND SHOOTING, HE WORKED AS A VOLUNTEER TO DIG FORTIFIED POSITIONS AND STRONGHOLDS FOR FIGHTING FORCES. HE ALSO WORKED AS VOLUNTEER IN LOCAL HOSPITAL HELPING ATTEND TO WOUNDS OF WAR VICTIMS. HE WITNESSED DEAD PEOPLE AND PEOPLE IN CRITICAL CONDITION, AND HIS PARENTS SAY THESE DEPRESSED HIM GREATLY.

7. NO, BUT HIS SECOND ELDEST BROTHER WAS REPORTED KILLED AS EXPLAINED ABOVE (4).

8. NO, BUT THE FAMILY HAS BEEN LIVING IN A MILITARILY SENSITIVE AREA OF THE CAPITAL SINCE 1963 WHEN THE CYPRUS TROUBLES BROKE OUT.

9. FOLLIWNG POINTS ARE ALSO GIVEN:

A) ERKAN HAS BEEN A "VERY OBEDIENT" SON ALL ALONG, ALSO PLAYING A "MEDIATORY" ROLE BETWEEN HIS BROTHERS.

B) FAMILY CONSIDERS ERKAN AS THEIR BRIGHTEST SON, WHO STUDIED HARD AND WHO HELPED IN FAMILY BUSINESS.

C) ERKAN NEVER LIVED AWAY FROM HOME BEFORE HIS STUDY TRIP TO THE UNITED STATES. LIFE IN CYPRUS IS LESS EXCITING AND LESS CHALLENGING THAN IN THE STATES, AND FAMILY RELATIONS ARE VERY CLOSELY KNIT.

D) ERKAN WAS STRONGLY ATTACHED TO HIS PARENTS AND BROTHERS.

E) IT IS POSSIBLE THAT HE IS VERY HOMESICK SINCE HE DID NOT VISIT HIS FAMILY SINCE 1974.

F) RECENT LETTER SAYS HE HAS ONLY \$30 LEFT; HIS FATHER IS SENDING HIM MORE POCKET MONEY. FATHER IS ALSO ASKING ERKAN WHEN HE WANTS TO COME TO CYPRUS TO VISIT HIS FAMILY. HE WILL SEND AIR TICKET LATER.

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